



# City of Tucson Ward 5 Newsletter

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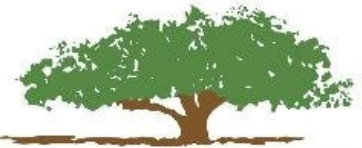
**August 2018**

Dear Friends:

The four core services under the City of Tucson Charter are: police, fire, streets and parks.

Thanks to the good citizens of Tucson who approved Proposition 409 and in 2017, with Proposition 101, funding is available for further road work, police and fire vehicles, equipment and facilities.

In dealing with the fourth core service, the Mayor and Council and the City Manager had discussions about the state of the City's Park and Recreation facilities.



**Tucson Parks and Recreation**  
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**Proposition 407 would not raise the taxes of the good citizens of Tucson. It's based on the City's primary and secondary property tax assessments and keeping them level and with the City retiring old Bond debt, it will create a potential capacity of \$225 million that would be used over nine years to make repairs and improvements.**

Prior to these discussions, I worked to get improvements in Ward 5 parks facilities, including: the new lighting at Silverlake Park, the irrigation system at Rudy Garcia Park, the crossing HAWK at 6th and Irvington, the redesign of the Santa Rita Park bathrooms, the improvement of playground equipment at Santa Rosa Park, the Buffalo Soldiers artwork mural at the Quincie Douglas Center, the Quincie Douglas artwork mural at the library named for her, speed tables at Sierra Middle School and neighborhoods, barbecue grills at Pueblo Gardens Park to name several and "Bring Back the Splash," that opened pools in Ward 5 and throughout the city during the last several summers through a private/public partnership, to name a few.

My efforts were accomplished using alternate funding sources, such as: impact fees, grant funds, private funding donated through the Parks and Recreation Foundation, service line warranty revenue funding and monies that came from my Ward 5 Council Office budget.

These sources help to get some projects completed but it isn't enough funding to cover our needs.

The Mayor and Council, working with City Manager Michael Ortega and his staff, put together a proposal to issue General Obligation Bonds to fund the repairs and improvements to the City of Tucson Parks and Recreation Facilities.

I worked to ensure that each City Park in Ward 5 and our Ward 5 Recreation Centers at El Pueblo, Cherry Avenue, Santa Rosa and Quince Douglas had projects in this proposal.



The Mayor and Council voted to put this proposal on the November 6 general election ballot and will be known as Proposition 407.

The City of Tucson is asking Tucson voters to approve Proposition 407, which is a \$225 million General Obligation Bond question for capital improvements in the Parks and Recreation facilities.

If approved by the voters, the bond funds will be dedicated to improving City parks amenities - including playgrounds, sports fields, pools, splash pads, and recreation centers - as well as connections (defined as pedestrian pathways, bicycle pathways, pedestrian and bicycle safety).

Parks and Recreation Facilities in each Ward would get improvements, repairs and new equipment under this proposal. **A citizen's oversight committee would oversee the spending for these projects to ensure the funds are spent as stated in the ballot proposition.**

With the recent economic downturn, there has been limited funding for Parks capital, maintenance, and staffing needs. Since the recession, due to a decline in sales tax revenue and rising costs, the City has been unable to invest in large capital needs, like parks and facility improvements.

The money generated through Proposition 407 can only be used for projects listed. **Bond money cannot be used for City employee salaries or pension costs.**

If Proposition 407 is approved by voters, the community would see improvement, starting in July 2020. The City's goal is to maintain the current secondary tax at the existing rate; new bonds will be issued in July 2020 as old bond debt is retired. Prior to issuance, City staff will work with community members to design upcoming improvements.

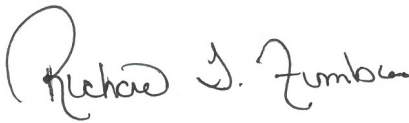
I am working with my Ward 1 Council colleague, Regina Romero, to hold a town hall on Proposition 407 for October 4, 5:30 pm at the El Pueblo Senior Center, 101 W. Irvington.

If an organization, neighborhood association or group would like a presentation from the City of Tucson on Proposition 407, please call 791-4204 and ask for Andy Squire, [Andrew.squire@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:Andrew.squire@tucsonaz.gov), or Lane Mandle, [lane.mandle@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:lane.mandle@tucsonaz.gov).

For more information about Proposition 407, go online to: <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/parksbond>. To learn more about the proposed projects for each park and recreation center, go online to:

<https://cotgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapJournal/index.html?appid=1ecc433d37e141e198ab9301bdc1a736>.

Thank you



Richard Fimbres  
Vice Mayor

### **Being a Good Neighbor**

Another school year has started in Tucson. The school zone 15 miles per hour signs are out in the morning and afternoon, with crossing guards helping students cross our streets to get to our schools. The University of Arizona and Pima College will soon start their fall semesters and college students will be moving into the dorms and houses in our neighborhoods.

My office has gathered information, to inform everyone who may not know about: Some of the rules about parking; dates of times for trash pick up; dates for upcoming Brush and Bulky pickup; noise levels and what to do about loud parties.

Parking is a permitted use on any portion of a property provided the vehicles do not block City right-of-way (sidewalks, alleys). Also, when you park your car, please don't block access to your neighbor's mail box. If you are intending to have an event, be courteous and let your neighbors know about the event and when parking will be available on the street. Please ensure all vehicles have current registration and are operable.

About your trash: To reduce flies and odor, please bag and securely tie all your trash and do not over fill containers. Never place hot ash or coals, or other burning materials in containers. Yard waste may be disposed of, as long as it fits within the container with the lid closed. Don't leave your containers out past your pick up date. Please return it to the space you have it in your yard. For any damaged trash containers, contact Environmental Services at 791-3171.

To find out your trash pick up date, either call Environmental Services at 791-3171 or go online to [maps2.tucsonaz.gov/zoomtucson/](https://maps2.tucsonaz.gov/zoomtucson/). For example, . The Miles Neighborhood day for trash and recycle pickup is on Fridays.



Please have your trash and recycle containers out to the street and on those days, please try not to block mail boxes and drive ways

Environmental Services offers Brush and Bulky twice a year. Environmental Services will pick up 10 cubic yards of materials with the following guidelines: They will take brush, cacti (must be contained), lumber up to five feet, scrap metal, piping up to five feet, appliances, refrigerator and freezers with doors removed, automobile tires (limit five), and home furnishings.

Environmental Services will not collect: Dirt, stone, concrete, gravel, glass, household hazardous waste (i.e. paint, oil, pesticides and liquids).

To find out your Brush and Bulky pick up date, either call Environmental Services at 791-3171 or go online to [maps2.tucsonaz.gov/zoomtucson/](http://maps2.tucsonaz.gov/zoomtucson/).



With the start of the school year come loud parties. Although I understand student excitement about the school year, there are codes that are in place and must be followed.

A loud party or unruly gathering can result in a red tag, which has several consequences. If red tagged, a visible "red tag" will be placed in street view, notifying the neighborhood of the issuance.

The red tag comes with a fine and if a college student is involved, a report to the Dean of Students.

The "red tag" states that if another unruly gathering occurs within 180 days that fines will be given in amounts of \$500-\$1500.



As a part of our Police Chief's community policing approach more officers have been put into patrol functions. This means more visible TPD presence. TPD is also partnering with UAPD so that responses to loud parties are consistent between both departments.

The collaboration will mean greater information sharing and consistency in handling these types of calls. It is important to call in loud parties, don't assume others are doing so. If it isn't reported we can't adequately address the situation.



The Tucson Police Department will respond to any gathering of a loud and unruly nature. A loud and unruly gathering is any gathering of five or more persons who disturb the peace of their neighbors through excessive noise, littering, obstruction of public streets, drinking in public, minors consuming or being served alcohol, fighting, excessive traffic, or similar conduct. The existing noise ordinance, Section 16-31, remains in effect and the "Unruly Gatherings," Section 16-32, provides additional violations for loud or unruly conduct.

For Section 16-32 to apply, the following criteria must exist:

- \* complainant (the ordinance may be enforced even if the complainant is a refused complainant)
- \* there must be a gathering of five (5) or more persons,
- \* it must be on private property (this also applies to businesses such as bars)
- \* the gathering must cause a disturbance as a result of conduct described above

The following numbers are meant to be tools for our University neighbors if there should be an issue with loud parties: TPD Red Tag: 520-837-7318, UAPD Non-Emergency: 520-621-8273, UA Neighborhood Hotline: 520-282-3649, UA Dean of Students: 520-621-7057, Pima College Police – West Campus: 520-206-6643, Pima College Police - Downtown Campus: 520-206-7087, Pima College Police - East Campus: 520-206-7652, Pima College Police - Desert Vista Campus: 520-206-5052, Pima College Police - Northwest Campus: 520-206-2286.

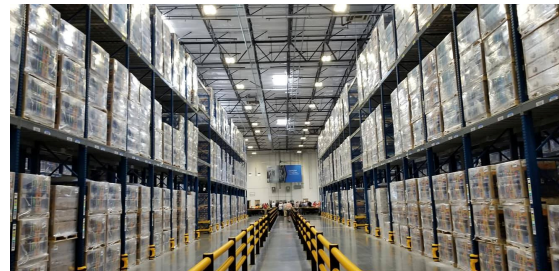
### John McCain

My prayers and condolences go out to the McCain family on their loss. John McCain served this nation in the military and Congress (House of Representatives and Senate) with honor and distinction. I had the privilege of serving on Senator John McCain's Hispanic Advisory Committee and worked with Senator McCain as a national officer for LULAC. His leadership, especially during these times, will be missed.



### Chamberlain Dedication

On Tuesday, August 21, the Chamberlain Group had their ribbon cutting of their new manufacturing and distribution facility at 2801 East Commerce Place in Ward 5. This was a \$30 million dollar construction project that has created 385 jobs. Congratulations to Chamberlain on their new facility and we look forward to working with you.



### **Tucson Airport Annexation**

During the August 8 Mayor and Council meeting, the Mayor and Council voted to approve the annexation of the Tucson Airport and surrounding land into Ward 5 and the City of Tucson. This annexation was done and accomplished by City staff, the Tucson Airport Authority and the Airlines and businesses in and around the airport. This annexation will bring additional sales tax and other revenue to the City of Tucson.



### **New Airlines at Tucson Airport**

On Tuesday, August 21, the Tucson Airport Authority announced that Allegiant Airlines will be the newest airline to fly to and from Tucson Airport. I want to welcome Allegiant to the Tucson Airport, which is now in Ward 5 and to our community. I want to congratulate Bonnie Allin and the Tucson Airport Authority on their work to bring in another airline for our airport. Denver-based Frontier Airlines announced earlier this month that it would launch nonstop service from Tucson Airport to Denver International Airport starting in November.

### **Veterans Resource Fair**

More than 90 groups and organizations took part in the Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans Resource Fair. I want to thank Cliff Wade, Deborah Garibay Martinez and organizers of the Resource Fair and the organizations who took part.



### **Tucson Homeless Work Program and Vice Mayor Fimbres Honored**

Ward 5 Council Member and Vice Mayor Richard Fimbres was honored recently at the Summer Conference of the Arizona Chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) for his work creating the Tucson Homeless Work Program and forming the Tucson Homeless Coalition and Tucson Change Movement.

The Tucson Homeless Work Program helps people exit homelessness through rapid engagement in daily employment and immediate cash payment for their work. In response to issues related to homelessness in Tucson, Fimbres formed the Tucson Homeless Coalition, a group of organizations, businesses, and homeless individuals who tackle complex problems. Fimbres' work with the coalition also helped form the Tucson Change Movement, which uses parking meters as donation stations to collect donations for homeless programs.

Vice Mayor Fimbres was recognized and honored by the Arizona Chapter of NAHRO for demonstrating excellence as an advocate and fostering community support in housing. Councilmember Fimbres was recognized for forming the Tucson Homeless Coalition, the Tucson Change Movement and creating the Tucson Homeless Work Program. If you would like to donate to the Tucson Homeless Work Program, make checks payable to Old Pueblo Community Services, Memo Line "Tucson Homeless Work Program." Mail them to OPCS, 4501 E. 5th Street, Tucson, AZ 85711 or go online to [helptucson.org](http://helptucson.org).

### **Juan Tadeo**

On Sunday August 5, I presented Juan Tadeo the Ward 5 Certificate of Appreciation, the Ward 5 Medallion of Hope and the City of Tucson Certificate of Appreciation to Juan Tadeo for his 37 years of coaching in Tucson Youth Football, and at Desert View High School.

This presentation took place at the El Casino Ballroom for a fundraiser for Tucson Youth Football. Congratulations to Sally Polanco and the organizing committee for a successful event.



### **MEC Open House**

On Thursday, August 30, 5 to 6:30 pm, the Metropolitan Education Commission (MEC) will be holding their open house of their new offices, located in the Santa Rosa Recreation Center, 1080 South 10th Avenue in Ward 5. I want to welcome MEC to Ward 5 and look forward to working with them to get more South side students involved in their programs and efforts. My office was key in helping them to relocate and continue providing services in Ward 5.

### **Silverlake Park Lights Dedication**

On Friday, August 31, 5:30 pm, the dedication for the new lighting system at Silverlake Park will take place. For the past years, a temporary lighting system was set up on the main field, located off of Kino Boulevard. These lights had been rented using funds from the Ward 5 Council Office budget. The new lights cost \$292,000 and were purchased using Impact Fees that had been generated in Ward 5 and will provide lighting so that it could be used for more hours by the good citizens of Ward 5.

### **Fall Gem Shows Starting**

The Tucson Fall Gem Shows, Aug. 31 - Sept. 9, 2018, feature gem and lapidary shows at various locations around town, including open-to-the-public shows. The Tucson Fall Gem Show is a smaller but growing version of the winter mega-show. Visit Tucson's convention services department works with the City of Tucson to liaise with gem-show owners and promoters, and directly supports promotion of all shows through the Official Gem Guide, Downtown Welcome Program, website listings, and technical assistance.



### Dave Adamson

Dave Adamson is the person who was instrumental in opening the Costco store at the Bridges. Costco opened April 14, 2011 and thanks to his work, showed that there was an untapped market and resource in Ward 5 and the South side. Dave Adamson retired from Costco on August 24, after 38 years of service. Dave has been a longtime community advocate and will be missed. I presented Dave with a Certificate of Appreciation from our City and the Ward 5 Medallion of Hope for his work. His work and dedication to our community will be missed. Thank you Dave.



### Labor Day Picnic – September 3

Labor Day in the United States is a public holiday celebrated on the first Monday in September. It honors the American labor movement and the contributions that workers have made to the strength, prosperity, laws and well-being of the country. It is the Monday of the long weekend known as Labor Day Weekend and it is considered the unofficial end of summer in the United States. It is recognized as a federal holiday.

Beginning in the late 19th century, as the trade union and labor movements grew, trade unionists proposed that a day be set aside to celebrate labor. "Labor Day" was promoted by the Central Labor Union and the Knights of Labor, which organized the first parade in New



York City. In 1887, Oregon was the first state of the United States to make it an official public holiday and it became official federal holiday in 1894. Tucson's annual Labor Day picnic will take place, Monday, September 3. This 22nd annual picnic, is put on by a group that represents labor unions in Pima County, which begins at 10 a.m. at the Reid Park band shell, located near Country Club, north of 22nd Street. Pima Area Labor Federation, which has more than 50,000 members, hosts this event every year to honor its union members and Tucson's working families. There will be family friendly activities with games and children's activities as well as food and drink. The picnic is free and open to the public. Activities should last through 2 p.m.

### In Other News

Congratulations to White Stallion Ranch, winner of the USA Today 10Best Reader's Choice Travel Award. The USA Today 10Best Readers' Choice Award was based on the resort's amenities for kids and family programming. ... On August 23, Tucson Indoor Football LLC unveiled their plans for Tucson's newest professional sports franchise. During the press conference at the Tucson Convention Center, the team's owners, Kevin and Cathy Guy, were joined by Tucson Mayor Jonathan Rothschild and Fletcher McCusker and Mark Irvin from the Rio Nuevo District, for an introduction of the team staff and an announcement about naming the team.



## Ward 5 Neighborhood Meetings

### Here is the schedule of upcoming Ward 5 Neighborhood Association Meetings:

Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association - Thursday, September 6th at 6:00 pm at Ward 5 Council Office, 4300 S. Park Avenue

South Park Neighborhood Association - Monday, September 10th at 6:00 pm, at Quincie Douglas Center, 1575 E. 36th St.

Campus Community Relations Committee (CCRC) – Tuesday, September 11th at 6:00 pm, Student Union Memorial Center, Ventana Room, 4th Floor, 1303 E. University Blvd

Mortimore Neighborhood Association – Wednesday, September 12th at 7:00 pm at Jesus Reigns Christian Fellowship, 5337 S. Palo Verde



Sunnyside Neighborhood Association – Monday, September 17th at 6:30 pm at Valencia Library, 202 W. Valencia Rd.

Barrio Santa Rita Neighborhood Association - Tuesday, September 18th at 6:00 pm, Santa Cruz Parish, Good Shepherd Room, 1220 S. 6th Ave.

Pueblo Gardens Neighborhood Association - Tuesday, September 18th at 6:30 pm, Holmes Tuttle Boys & Girls Club, 2585 E. 36th Street

SNAPP (Southside Neighborhood Assn. Presidential Partnership) – Thursday, September 20th at 6:00 pm at the Ward 5 Council Office, 4300 S. Park Avenue

Barrio Santa Rosa Neighborhood Association - Monday, September 24th at 6:00 pm, Santa Rosa Library, 1075 S. 10th Avenue

### Three-Day Pass and \$25 for \$20 Program Become Permanent Fare Options

Tucson-area transit users can now buy a 3-Day Pass and add \$25 for \$20 onto a SunGO Card. Following feedback and comments from public input meetings, the Mayor and Council approved both programs in order to offer riders additional options when purchasing transit fares.



The 3-Day Pass provides passengers unlimited rides on Sun Link, Sun Tran and select Sun Shuttle routes for 72 consecutive hours after activated on transit vehicles, and offers an alternative to the current 1-Day and 30-Day pass options. The 3-Day Pass costs \$10 (\$11 total when loaded on the GoTucson Transit app or \$12 total when including the cost of a new SunGO Card). With the \$25 for \$20 program, passengers can load \$25 to a new or existing SunGO Cards and pay only \$20. And when paying at the farebox with money loaded to a SunGO Card, full-fare passengers are charged a lower rate than if paying with cash. There is a \$2 processing fee for new SunGO cards.

Passengers can add the 3-Day Pass and \$25 for \$20 program through the following channels:

- Online at [suntran.com/sungo](http://suntran.com/sungo)
- Ticket Vending Machines at the Transit Centers
- GoTucson Transit mobile app (3-Day pass only)
- SunGO Sales Outlets, including all Fry's Food Stores
- Phone at (520) 792-9222
- Special Services Office at 35 W. Alameda St.
- Sun Tran Admin Office at 3910 N. Sun Tran Blvd.

For more information on Sun Tran, call Customer Service at (520) 792-9222 (TDD: (520) 628-1565) or visit [www.suntran.com](http://www.suntran.com).

## Citizenship Day Fair

September 15, 2018

### FEATURING:

- Application Assistance ◇
- Know Your Rights ◇
- Mock Interviews ◇
- Legal Assistance ◇
- Food ◇
- Voter Registration ◇
- Childcare ◇

### DATES:

Info Sessions: August 4th, Valencia Library  
August 18th, Mexican Consulate  
*Info sessions required for application help, both at 10am*  
Fair: September 15th 9am-4pm  
El Pueblo Regional Center, 101 W Irvington

### For More Information Contact:

Alejandra Encinas—Mi Familia Vota  
520-449-8412



## Feria del Día de la Ciudadanía

15 Septiembre, 2018

### PRESENTADO:

- Ayuda con aplicaciones ◇
- Conocen tus derechos ◇
- Entrevistas simuladas USCIS ◇
- Asistencia legal ◇
- Comida ◇
- Registro de votantes ◇
- Cuidado de niños ◇

### FECHAS:

Sesión informativa:  
4 agosto, Valencia Library 10am  
18 agosto, Consulado de Mexico 10am  
*Es requerido que asista a una sesión informativa para ayudarlo con su aplicación*  
FERIA: 15 septiembre 9am-4pm  
El Pueblo Regional Center, 101 W Irvington

### Para mas informacion contacte:

Alejandra Encinas—Mi Familia Vota  
520-449-8412



## City of Tucson

### Report Potholes in Your Neighborhood

Contact City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT)

**Call: 791-3154**

**Email: [TDOTConcerns@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:TDOTConcerns@tucsonaz.gov)**

When you call to report a POTHOLE to be repaired in your neighborhood due to a concern of public safety, write person's name and date that you spoke with. Give the location (address or cross streets) where the issue is of concern. If POTHOLE is not repaired within a week then call the TDOT office once again.

If you choose to email the City of Tucson (TDOT) attach a photo or video of the POTHOLE location as this procedure is highly recommended. The best way is to use your cell phone, take the picture or video then forward to [TDOTConcerns@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:TDOTConcerns@tucsonaz.gov) with the location (address or cross streets) in order for City of Tucson maintenance crew to find it.

**IMPORTANT:** Please also request that the neighborhood streets in your area be scheduled for resurfacing or maintenance for 2018 calendar year.

#### Document the following Information:

Person you spoke with: \_\_\_\_\_

Date & Time: \_\_\_\_\_

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Person you spoke with: \_\_\_\_\_

Date & Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Important Numbers  
and  
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**Frequently Used Phone Numbers**

**Emergency Services**

Tucson Police Department or Tucson Fire Department  
DIAL 911

**Permits**

Planning and Development Services Department  
791-5550

**Housing Assistance**

City of Tucson Community Services Department  
791-4739

**Tucson Convention Center**

791-4101

**City of Tucson Code Enforcement**

791-5843

**TPD Red Tag Unit**

837-7318

**Graffiti Removal**

792-CITY (2489)

**TPD Non Emergency**

791-4444

**Trash Pick Up & Environmental Services**

City of Tucson Environmental Services Department  
791-3171

**Transportation & Street Maintenance**

Tucson Department of Transportation  
791-3154

**Tucson Water Department**

Billing - 791-3242, Public Information - 791-4331

**Park Tucson**

791-5071

**Pima Animal Care**

724-5900

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